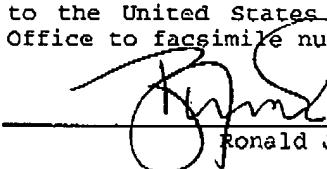


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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2008. A petition for a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

In the Action, restriction is required between:

(I) Claims 1-3, directed to a method for reducing

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kinetic friction; and

(II) Claims 4-11, directed to means for reducing kinetic friction.

Applicant elects the subject matter of group (II), Claims 4-11, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse with the understanding that the applicant's rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter are retained.

The Action also includes an election of species requirement in which the applicant is required to elect one of the following species of the present invention:

- A. Vehicles as claimed in claim 4 (excluding the species to projectiles);
- B. Projectiles as claimed in claim 4 (excluding the vehicles)
- C. Piping as claimed in claim 5;
- D. Static structures as claimed in claim 6;
- E. Transplant shields as claimed in claim 7;
- F. Clothing as claimed in claim 8; and
- H. Athletic equipment as claimed in claim 10.

Applicant elects species A, vehicles, for prosecution in this

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application.

Claims 4 and 11 read on the elected species.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2008. A favorable action on the merits of the elected subject matter is believed to be in order and is respectfully solicited.

In the event any fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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